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FIRST METALLURGICAL COKE PRODUCTION IN YUGOSLAVIA

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On 14 November, the 35 coking kilns of the Lukavac Coke Works (Koksara u Lukavcu) began producing the first metallurgical coke ever produced in Yugoslavia. This coke was shipped to Sisak, Jesenice, Vares, and Zenica the following morning. Beginning today [15 November] Lukavac will start producing about 300 tons of coke (1) [daily? Source 2 gives a figure of 225,000 tons annually]. Benzol, sulfur, pitch, tar, and ammonium sulfate will also be produced. (2)

Within a few days the gas obtained from coking coal will begin heating a second battery of 40 coking kilns, which will begin production in 2 months, or as soon as the temperature exceeds 1,000 degrees. Immediately thereafter a lignite separator, one of the most modern and largest in Europe, is expected to be completed. (1)

Fourteen special railroad cars of 50 tons capacity each have been received from abroad to haul lignite to the coke works from the Kroka mine. Estimated consumption of the coking plant is more than 6,000 tons of lignite daily.

Slightly more than 400 workers are employed at the coke works, since all operations are mechanized and modernized. By using mechanized equipment, two workers can unload 20 railroad cars in less than an hour. (2)

The Lukavac installation is the result of the work of Prof Maks Saneca and Engr Bozo Popovic. The Lukavac furnaces will produce annually one third of the 24 million dollars' worth of coke imported annually heretofore. The coke works was built by 13,000 working youth, engineers, and technicians, who gave over a million work days to the project. (1)

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1. Zagreb, Borba, 17 Nov 52
2. Ibid., 1 Jul 52

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Caption and Description: "Lukavac Coke Works, Showing Large Lignite Separator, Tower and Bunker for Coal, Gas Reservoir, and Other Factory Buildings." Photograph shows panoramic view of coke works.

Photograph Description: Size, 10 x 4 inches; fair; newsprint

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2. Location: Yugoslavia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Lukavac

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Caption and Description: "Part of the Equipment for Processing Gases in the Lukavac Coke Works." Photograph shows large tower for processing gases, with tank in background.

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3. Location: Yugoslavia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Lukavac

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Caption and Description: "Special Railroad Cars to be Used in Hauling Lignite From Kreka Mine to Lukavac Coke Works." Photograph shows line of cars, stated in accompanying article to be of 50-ton capacity, standing on tracks.

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